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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | <b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b><br>Serie 6385<br><b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b><br>Not yet assigned<br><b>10/25/06 826</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR2004/050537  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>October 26, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>November 4, 2003  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>Method and apparatus for separating air by cryogenic distillation   |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude   |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |  |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:   |   |  |
| <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>  |   |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br>Not yet assigned <b>104576826</b> | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR2004/050537 | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>Serie 6385 |
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## 20. Other items or information:

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| The following fees have been submitted   |              |   |         | CALCULATIONS                 | PTO USE ONLY       |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300  |              |   |         | \$ 300                       |                    |
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| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>  |              |   |         | <b>1,000</b>                 |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)).<br>The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  |              |   |         |                              |                    |
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| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE    | \$                           |                    |
| Total claims   | 10 - 20 =    | 0   | x \$ 50 | \$ 0                         |                    |
| Independent claims   | 2 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200 | \$ 0                         |                    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |              |   |         | + \$360                      | \$                 |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |   |         | <b>\$</b>                    |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.   |              |   |         |                              |                    |
|  |              |   |         | <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>            | \$                 |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property   |              |   |         | + \$                         |                    |
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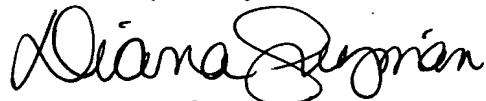
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1. A copy of International Publication WO 2005/045339;
2. English translation of International Application PCT/FR2004/050537;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Transmittal Under 35 USC 371 (PTO Form 1390) Fee Sheet (in duplicate);  
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5. Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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